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TO: Co-Chairs Lopes and Gresko, Vice-Chairs Hochadel and Palm, Ranking Members Harding and Callahan, and members of the Environment Committee.

RE: In support of SB896; SB122; SB 6484

When considering these bills, and at risk of stating the obvious, I wanted to emphasize with a bright red marker that we are living in an era of climate change. What we do and just as important what we don't do has logarithmic effect after our decisions.

These bills and the the several others that will come before you this legislative session are existential issues. I know that legislation works by building year on year, but we have to speed that up to week-on-week and month-on-month to get done what needs to get done to give us a fighting chance on the ground outside your chambers.

Please support **SB 896**: every tree counts and the bigger it is the more it counts. We need to prioritize our trees and continue to build transparent best practices for their removal and replacement when necessary.

SB 122: As above. And utility companies need to fund the replacement of trees by those entities that have the required expertise and knowledge to ensure appropriate, native trees are planted to survive.

SB 6484: Horseshoe crabs on our Long Island shores counted in the hundreds of thousands not much more than a decade ago and now they are nearing extirpation. Stop their use as bait. While you are at it, please close the loophole for medical use.

Thank you for this opportunity to communicate with you.

Sincerely
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